

REMARKS

The Examiner's reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the further amendments above and comments which follow.

First of all, the indicated allowance of claims 1-15, 17-18 and 21-28 is gratefully acknowledged.

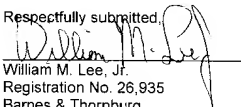
Regarding the rejection of claims 16, 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §101, the claims have been appropriately amended. First, regarding claim 16, just following the quoted language that the Examiner has set forth on pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action, the guidelines state, "In contrast, a claimed computer-readable medium encoded with a computer program is a computer element which defines structure and functional interrelationships between the computer program and the rest of the computer which permit the computer program's functionality to be realized, and is thus statutory." Thus, it is submitted that claim 16, as it has been amended, meets the guideline and is statutory.

Regarding claim 19, that claim has been recast as a method, which is statutory subject matter. Similarly, claim 20 has been recast to reflect the change made to claim 19, and instead of reciting a machine readable form, it has been changed to a computer readable form. Thus, it is submitted that claims 19 and 20 also define statutory subject matter.

Given the above, it is submitted that all claims are now in condition for allowance, and the Examiner's further and favorable reconsideration in that regard is urged.

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